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Happy New Year, 2010! The Alfa Centennial Year

Alfa Romeo's centennial year promises to be another fun-filled year for Oklahoma Alfisti. We began the year with a chili dinner hosted by Julie and James Perlingiere, where we planned the 2010 calendar and nominated officers and Board of Directors members for the year.

Check out the 2010 calendar on page 3 and mark your personal calendar with Alfa Events Not to Be Missed.

Next up on our 2010 calendar is Romeo and Giulietta, a progressive dinner in honor of love, Valentine's Day and Alfa Romeos—not necessarily in that order. This year, it's the day before Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 13. This is always one of our best-attended events. RSVP to Autumn Perlingiere (kuhawk4life@hotmail.com) or our newly-appointed Assistant Social Director, Claudia Oswald (rockytop60@aol.com). Our hosts need to know how much food to prepare.

Maybe, just maybe, this snow and ice will be gone and not replaced by yet another winter storm and we'll get to drive Alfas around mid-town Tulsa!

The baby shower for Jamie and Autumn Perlingiere, scheduled for January 31, was postponed because of ice and snow. It's been rescheduled as part of the appetizer stop at the Niedell's on Romeo and Giulietta.

When ice and snow start getting you down, wander down to the garage, pat the Alfa(s) on the hood and think about the spring and summer driving days coming soon!



Les Niedell and Blaine Jones visit during the January meeting. A new member, Blaine drove from Pryor to attend his first Oklahoma Alfa Club event.

Events

FEBRUARY

13 Romeo and Giulietta Progressive Dinner. Begins at 5:00, Les and Joan Neidell's house.

MARCH

27 Stonebluff Wine Tour and Alfa photo shoot for AROCOK website.

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Keith Kelly, Alan Oswald, Joan Neidell and Anthony Nigro attend the meeting and calendar planning that followed the chili dinner hosted by Julie and James Perlingiere January 23.

Member News

Welcome to new member **Robert McKinney**, PO Box 442, Greenwood, AR 72936; mckinneyfamily@cox.net; 479-996-9278. Robert owns a 1986 Spider. New information for **Michael Murray**: 2742 South Gary Drive, Tulsa, 74114; Murray9285@att.net; 918-712-5940.

In congratulating college graduates last May, the editor missed one! Belated congratulations to **Julia Garossino**, who graduated from the University of Oklahoma.

2010 Officers, Board

The current officers and Board members were nominated for another year at the January 23 meeting.

Although none of them have an opponent, our bylaws require a ballot, so one is included with this newsletter.

Return by email to our secretary, Keith Kelly, at kgrpkelly@aol.com or by mail to Keith Kelly, 4004 E 88th Street, Tulsa, OK 74137-2667.

Romeo and Giulietta Plans

If delicious food and fun cars are your idea of a perfect evening, then Romeo and Giulietta is for you.

Our annual progressive dinner in honor of Valentine's Day is scheduled for February 13. Here

is the route:

- Appetizers at Les and Joan Neidell's house, 5526 E 65 Place, Tulsa. 5:00. This stop will include the postponed baby shower for Autumn and Jamie Perlingiere.

- Soup and salad co-hosted by Dean and Carol Mandlebaum and David and Tobie Hyman at the Mandelbaum's home, 3524 E 70 Place.

- Entree at Scott Fowler's home, 3563 S Urbana.

- Dessert TBA. Any volunteers? RSVP to Autumn Perlingiere (kuhawk4life@hotmail.com) or Claudia Oswalt (rockytop60@aol.com).

News from National

WEBSITE UPDATE

The AROC-USA website has been updated. If you haven't visited it recently, check out the convenience of joining or renewing your membership online or updating your membership information.

Tech articles are now in pdf for easy downloading and printing.

A number of other improvements have been made. Check out the new features at: www.aroc-usa.org.

Editor's note: Trent Fowler and I are working to get the Oklahoma chapter a significant presence on the national website. Currently, David Hyman's article about the drive to Eureka Springs is one of the featured articles.

PHOTO CONTEST

Your Alfa can be featured on the national website. To enter the contest for this honor, submit a small (8-12K) photo electronically and

- your name

- "Why Yours" story (50 words or less, which will not be published)

- year, model, location; ie, what text you want to appear on the website.

The deadline is March 4.

You can check out the current rotating Alfa display on the website for ideas.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

AROC wants your email address! The purpose is to reduce postage costs and to provide information in a more timely manner. For example, one of the most expensive services to members is membership renewal reminders. If you provide your email address, an email reminder can be sent before the USPS reminder. Prompt renewal means that the Club will not have to send the paper copy.

The estimated number of AROC-generated emails is one or two a month.

You can send your name and email address to aroco-usa@kc.rr.com.

Your Loaner—if you drive a Maserati.

http://www.newcarnet.co.uk/Maserati_news.html?id=10200

One hundred special edition MiTos are being produced as courtesy cars for Maserati owners who appreciate Italian style. The Maserati Oceanic Blue entry-level MiTos are being produced exclusively for the Maserati service network. They will be equipped with the most powerful engine in the MiTo range: the 170hp, 1.4 MultiAir engine.

2010 AROCOK Calendar of Events

JANUARY

23 Chili dinner, calendar planning, officer nominations.

FEBRUARY

13 Romeo and Giulietta Progressive Dinner

MARCH

27 Wine Tour, Stonebluff Cellars;
Alfa photos for AROCOK website

APRIL

17 Tech session - rear ends (Alfas not Alfisti)
25 Kart Racing (subject to scheduling at JRP)
30-May 2 St. Louis Spring Fling

MAY

22-23 Talimena Drive

JUNE

5 Tech Session
11-13 Eumoex Car Show, Sand Springs.
23-27 AROC National Convention, Fredericksburg, VA

A note about the calendar

As always, the AROCOK calendar is a work in progress. Some dates may be changed because of the availability of the venue; for example, the Kart Races or the Talimena weekend. Watch the website, your email and the newsletter for updates and possible changes.

Two tech sessions are scheduled, but more can be scheduled by member's request. If you want to work on some part of your Alfa, let David Simmons know and he'll get a tech session scheduled for you. It's an opportunity to learn about your car and to hang out with some great people!

If you want to suggest an event, we'll look at getting it on the calendar.

JULY

4 Party, Fireworks
17 Pizza at Stableridge Winery, Stroud

AUGUST

21 Hare and Hound Rally

SEPTEMBER

11 ItalianCarFest, Grapevine, TX
18 Bocce Tournament

OCTOBER

9 Meeting, NYC Pizza
22-24 Fall Fling, Eureka Springs, AR

NOVEMBER

13 Lunch, Rock Cafe, Stroud

DECEMBER

4 Holiday Party

New Vintage Race Group Forming

Heartland Vintage Racing is a new racing group that has formed recently. Founders are Bill Rimke and Gary Fuqua of the Kansas City Alfa Club.

Their first event is a four-day vintage race and car show at Heartland Park in Topeka, KS August 19-22. It is advertised as "A four-day event with performance driving experience, autocross, skid pad, special vintage races on display and on the track."

Bill Fuqua said that individuals will be able to take their personal cars out for high speed touring. They also plan car corrals for all car clubs.

For more information, go to <http://www.heartlandvintageracing.com/events.html>.

Spicing up a January evening Chili and Alf

Alfisti started the new year with chili, talk, and even some business at the January 23 meeting. James and Julie Perlingiere hosted the chili dinner and provided the main dish. James noted that Alfisti went through at least a gallon and a half of chili!

After chili and dessert, members met to plan the 2010 calendar, nominate officers and Board of Directors members and then returned to visiting and more eating.

It was a great way to start celebrating the 100th anniversary of our favorite marque!



Trent Fowler, David Simmons and Scott Fowler enjoy their chili in the kitchen.



Anthony Nigro and Trent Fowler talk Alf after the meeting.



Julie Perlingiere and daughter-in-law Autumn Perlingiere give the Perlingiere toy fox terriers some attention.

A couple of two-fisted Diet Coke drinkers, Alan Oswald and David Simmons discuss some Club business.



Oklahoma Alfisti and Their Alfas



In an argument between an Alfa and a semi, the Alfa loses. Jeff Lang's Spider became a parts car for his GTV project after a foggy early-morning encounter with a semi. (Photo by Jeff Lang).

JR Purvis' 1750 Project



JR reports that his 1750 project is coming along nicely. He says that the inside floors are all patched up and the driver and passenger side rockers are knocked out. The right new quarter is almost completed. The photos are of the right rear quarter, the most challenging sheet metal job. JR made a small radius template from the left side and finished the right side in three parts. (Photos by JR Purvis)

The Car They Left Behind

Randy and Katia Visser recently moved from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada to Oklahoma City. Randy works as a technical trainer and troubleshooter in Submersible Pumping application (aka Reda) for the oil and gas industry.

They report that they like Oklahoma with its friendly people, although the climate is taking some getting used to—warmer for Randy; cooler for Katia.

When they lived in Brazil, they had a 1996 155 2.0 Twin Spark, shared with Oklahoma Alfisti through photos.



From Houston: Paul Garossino's garage and cars



Paul's garage now has a Ferrari side and an Alfa side. He says David Simmons will recognize the arrangement as N+1 where N was planned for! (Photo by Paul Garossino)



Two of Paul's cars: the Maratona and the Ferrari. (Photo by Joe Dellinger)

Alfa Romeo Pininfarina Spider Concept world debut at Geneva

<http://emotorauto.com/2010/01/30/>



Pininfarina reveals the first official image of its new concept car, which will debut March 2 at the Geneva Motor Show. The concept is meant to be part of the tradition of successful Alfa Romeo Spiders, born from the relationship with Alfa Romeo.

Pininfarina is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, while Alfa Romeo celebrates its 100th.



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Trip Highlights

- VIP access at the Mille Miglia
- Day trip to Verona
- Full day guided visit of Lake Garda
- Private vineyard tour in Franciacorta
- Tour of the Alfa Romeo museum
- Four star hotel on Lake Garda
- much more.....

Links You Might Like

The Jaguar Club of Tulsa website (www.jaguarcluboftulsainc.com/) contains links to YouTube videos of the 2009 EuMoEx. Although most of the emphasis is on British cars, Alfisti and their cars get some camera time. Watch for Keith Kelly talking about his GTV; Jim Chandler discussing his Lancia and David Simmons talking about the Speciale. You'll see other familiar faces and cars, too.

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ email _____

Tell us about your Alfa(s) _____

Dues are \$65.00/year, renewable on anniversary. Send check and application form to June Mustari, 4128 E. 37th Place, Tulsa, OK 74135.

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